

amendment recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute and numbered one printed in the Congressional Record of November 19, shall be considered as adopted; that the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on further amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of general debate, (2) a further amendment in the nature of a substitute, and (3) one motion to recommit with or without instruction; and further that the amendment placed at the desk be considered as read for the purposes of this unanimous consent request.

Pages H11595–98

**Transportation and Treasury Appropriations—Motion to Instruct Conferees:** Representative Hastings of Florida announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2989, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

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**Labor/HHS Appropriations—Motion to Instruct Conferees:** The House debated the Kildee motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed until a later date.

Pages H11622–28

**Senate Message:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H11518, H11567.

**Senate Referral:** S. 189 and S. 1156 were ordered held at the desk.

Pages H11518, H11567

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H11652–56.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:57 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on U.S. National Security Strategy. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, former U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations; and Samuel L. Berger, former Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs.

### CYBERSECURITY AND CONSUMER DATA

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “Cybersecurity and Consumer Data: What’s at Risk for the Consumer?” Testimony was

heard from Orson Swindle, Commissioner, FTC; and public witnesses.

### INVESTMENT IN TECHNOLOGY

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing on hearing entitled “Digital Dividends and Other Proposals to Leverage Investment in Technology.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION EFFICIENCY ACT

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census approved for full Committee action H.R. 3478, National Archives and Records Administration Efficiency Act of 2003.

### CONTINUITY IN REPRESENTATION ACT

*Committee on House Administration:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2844, Continuity in Representation Act of 2003.

### AFGHANISTAN: DEMOCRATIZATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia and the Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights held a joint hearing on Afghanistan: Democratization and Human Rights on the Eve of the Constitutional *Loya Jirga*. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Lorne W. Craner, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; Ambassador-at-Large John V. Hanford III, Office of International Religious Freedom; and Christina B. Rocca, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South Asia Affairs; and public witnesses.

### ANTITRUST OVERSIGHT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Held an oversight hearing entitled “Saving the Savings Clause: Congressional Intent, the *Trinko* Case, and the role of the Antitrust Laws in Promoting Competition in the Telecom Sector.” Testimony was heard from R. Hewitt Pate, Assistant Antitrust General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

### MEDICAL INFORMATION SHARING—DOD AND DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing to review progress being made by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs with the sharing of medical information and development of a seamless electronic medical record. Testimony was heard from Linda D. Koontz, Director, Information

Management Issues, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Maj Gen. Kenneth L. Farmer, Jr., M.D., USA, Deputy Surgeon General, USA; Jeanne B. Fites, Deputy Under Secretary (Program Integration); and James C. Reardon, Chief Information Officer, Military Health System; Frances M. Murphy, M.D., Deputy Under Secretary, Health Policy Coordination, Department of Veterans Affairs; and a public witness.

### VULNERABLE CHILDREN—IMPROVED MONITORING

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Improved Monitoring of Vulnerable Children. Testimony was heard from Representative DeLay; Cornelia Ashby, Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security, GAO; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2417, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

### OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2673, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District, for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices, for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies, and for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2003

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold a closed briefing from the CIA and DIA on assessment of the current situation in Iraq, 3 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 1531, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Chief Justice John Marshall, and the nominations of Alicia R. Castaneda, of the District of Columbia, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board, and Thomas J. Curry, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; to be immediately followed by a hearing on improving the corporate governance of the NYSE, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry, 2 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine drug importation, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* business meeting to consider the nominations of James M. Loy, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, and Scott J. Bloch, of Kansas, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to resume hearings to examine the role of professional organizations like accounting firms, law firms, and financial institutions in developing, marketing and implementing tax shelters, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to resume hearings to examine the August 2003 Northeast blackouts and the federal role in managing the nation's electricity, 10 a.m., SD-342.

### House

*Committee on Government Reform,* to consider the following: H.R. 3478, National Archives and Records Administration Efficiency Act of 2003, a report entitled "Efforts to Rightsize the U.S. Presence Abroad Lack Urgency and Momentum;" and a draft report entitled "Everything Secret Degenerates: The FBI's Use of Murderers as Informants;" followed by a hearing on Knives, Box Cutters and Bleach: A Review of Passenger Screener Training, Testing and Supervision, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing entitled "The Future Challenges of Autism: A Survey of the Ongoing Initiatives in the Federal Government to Address the Epidemic," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.